Amount Spent on Advertisements

3262. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL Alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the details of the total amount spent by his Ministry on advertisements given to the Newspapers directly or through DAVP etc., during the period 1992-93 and 1993-94 language-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Exploitation of untapped marine and Inland Fisheries

3263. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to give a major thrust to exploitation of large untapped marine and inland fisheries to earn more foreign exchange and to provide jobs to poor people both in the coastal and inland areas; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Some of the major Schemes in operation for exploitation of inland and marine fishery resources, in order to earn foreign exchange and provide employment opportunities, are as under:

I. Ministry of Agriculture:

(i) Freshwater Aquaculture

(ii) Integrated Brackishwater Fish Farm Development

(iii) Fishery Harbour facilities at Major ports

(iv) Fishery Harbour facilities at Minor ports

(v) Motorisation of Traditional Craft

(vi) Introduction of plywood Craft

(vii) Introduction of Intermediate Craft

(viii) Re-imbursement of Excise Duty on High Speed Diesel (HSD) oil to fishing vessels below 20m size.

(ix) Resource enhancement through Artificial Reefs & Mariculture.

II. Ministry of Food Processing Industries:

(i) Assistance and interest subsidy for aquisition of deep sea fishing vessels.

III. Ministry of Commerce:

(i) High Speed Diesel (HSD) oil price reimbursement scheme.

(ii) Assistance for diversified fishing to shrimp trawlers.

(iii) Equity participation in companies setting up export oriented projects.

(iv) Pilot scheme to assist large mechanised fishing vessels.

(v) Subsidy for new shrimp from development

(vi) subsidy for shrimp hatchery

(vii) Subsidy for shrimp seed and feed

(viii) Subsidy for brood stock bank etc.

Relief operations in earthquake affected villages in Maharashtra

3264. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the inadequacy of relief operations in villages, bordering Maharashtra, which were destroyed by the earthquake (Khillari earthquake) last year;

(b) whether it is a fact that in a recent seismological survey, some 48 villages in the districts of Bijapur and Gulbarga (in Karnataka) have been declared earthquake prone;

(c) whether the State Government of Karnataka has submitted any proposal for Central assistance, for relocation of these villages involving an outlay of Rs. 93.50 crores; and